

# Area Swelters in Southland Heat Binge

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**GREETINGS . . .** Hilmi Nalcaei (center), mayor of Konya, Turkey, extends his greetings to a crowd on arrival Sunday at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Nalcaei and five other Turkish government officials began a week-long visit to the city Sunday. With him are his interpreter, Fikret Karayalcin (at left) and Mayor Albert Isen. The group is in the United States to study governmental relationships, Konya is one of Torrance's sister cities. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Konya Mayor Suggests New Sister City Ties

## 100-Plus Recorded Tuesday

Hot desert air sweeping across the Los Angeles basin sent temperatures rocketing above the 100-degree mark in many Southland areas Tuesday and promises to continue today and show some signs of breaking tomorrow.

Unofficially, temperatures went past the 100-degree mark in Torrance where the thermometer hung at 101 for nearly two hours near Hawthorne and Sepulveda Tuesday afternoon. It put Torrance in with Long Beach, Santa Ana, Inglewood, and the Los Angeles International Airport as being the nation's hottest spots.

OTHER unofficial readings showed Bellflower and Lakewood areas with 102 readings, and other areas hitting 100.

The official 98-degree reading made it the hottest day of the year in Long Beach and all previous November heat marks were erased in downtown Los Angeles by the heat.

The extremely low humidity accompanying the flow of desert air made fire danger a prime concern in the Southland, and the Sylmar fire at the north end of the San Fernando Valley had claimed 10 firemen and forced the evacuation of two hospitals. Nearly 50 patients from Olive View Sanitarium were brought from the fire area to Harbor General Hospital Tuesday.

A high pressure system covering the western states was blamed by weathermen for the heavy flow of blow-torch air from the desert.



**WHISTLE STOP . . .** Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown accepts applause from a crowd of about 500 persons who greeted him Saturday in Torrance during a whistle stop tour of Los Angeles County. Brown was accompanied on his campaign swing by other Democratic candidates and several movie and television personalities. He told the crowd he will seek property tax relief if he is re-elected and also pledged that "there will be no tuition at the University of California or the junior colleges." (Press-Herald Photo)

## Exchange with City, Service Groups Urged

Expansion of the Torrance-Konya sister city program to broaden contacts between the people of the two cities has been urged by Ahmet Nalcaei, mayor of Konya and secretary-general of the Turkish League of Municipalities.

Nalcaei is one of six Turkish government officials who arrived here Sunday for a week-long visit.

The mayor said the people of Konya are in full support of the sister city program and are organizing committees now to carry out the people-to-people phase of the exchange. The sister city program really involves a government-to-government program and a people-to-people program, he said.

Nalcaei suggested that exchange programs between schools, businessmen, and civic organizations in the two cities might be established.

HE ALSO urged that an exchange program be inaugurated which would send "specialized municipal employees" from Torrance to Konya to work on the staff of the city's governmental agencies. At the same time, employees from the city of Konya could come to Torrance to work with local governmental officials, he said.

One outgrowth of the sister city program, Nalcaei explained, is the creation of a Konya Lions Club — one of three Lions Clubs in Turkey today. Other service clubs — especially mentioned was the Kiwanis Club — should be encouraged to help establish chapters in Konya, the mayor declared.

KONYA, Nalcaei said, is a city of about 160,000 at the present time. He expects the population may increase to some 650,000 within the next 20 years.

Nalcaei is serving his third term as mayor of Konya. He is elected by direct popular vote and is responsible for the administration of the city. The mayor serves as president of the city council and votes when that body meets.

Councils are composed of at least 12 members and may have 80 to 90 members, depending on the population of the city, Nalcaei said. Turkish law requires a city council to meet at least three times each year.

ONCE EACH year, Nalcaei said, he must report to the city council. If the council is dissatisfied with his work, it may appeal to the Turkish Supreme Court and have him removed from office.

Local government remains the strongest and most important segment of government in Turkey, Nalcaei said, because the local representatives are the ones "who do things for the people." In his last campaign, 84 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots, the mayor reported.

THE SIX-MAN Turkish government team is in the (See TURKEY on A-3)

## Walteria Dump Hearings Open

Hundreds of south Torrance residents are expected to jam the City Council chambers in the city hall tonight when the city's Planning Commission opens hearings on an application to establish a dump operation in the former Torrance Sand and Gravel property along the city's southern boundary.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Residents in the area have joined to fight the proposal.

## District Attorney to Speak . . .

District Attorney Evette J. Younger will be guest speaker at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon Thursday noon at the Indian Village in south Torrance. Younger will speak on the topic, "What's Happening to Law Enforcement?" The appearance of Younger Thursday opens the winter season of programs for the Chamber, according to Charles Cederlof, membership relations committee chairman.

## Reagan Here Saturday . . .

Republican candidate Ronald Reagan will be in Torrance Saturday to meet voters as he nears the end of the campaign trail in his effort to unseat Governor Edmund G. Brown. Reagan will be at the parking lot of the Del Amo Shopping Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday to spur Torrance and South Bay voters. Other members of the Reagan team are scheduled to accompany him to the area.

## Old Mining Shack Burns . . .

An abandoned timber building at the former Bill and Rudy's Sand and Gravel Co. site near Via Valmonte and Hawthorne Boulevard was the scene of a spectacular fire Saturday evening, and threatened for a short time to send burning material down on busy Hawthorne Boulevard south of Newton Street. The shack was destroyed by the flames, however the loss was small because of its dilapidated condition, it was reported.

# Special Holiday Bus Schedules Approved

A special city bus "loop" route between downtown Torrance and the Del Amo Center during the Christmas shopping season was approved last night by the City Council.

Buses will travel a circle route between the center and the downtown bus station at 20-minute intervals between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The special route will operate six days a week from Nov. 25 through Dec. 24.

The special bus service, recommended by the council's Public Building Committee, could result in a similar schedule on a permanent basis, according to J. A. Beasley, chairman of the committee.

**BUSES WILL** travel west on Torrance Boulevard, south on Madrona Street, west on

Carson Street, and south to Sepulveda Boulevard, circling the center and returning by way of Torrance Boulevard, Beasley said. Fare will be 25 cents for a one-way trip.

Service between downtown Torrance and the Del Amo Center now operates on an hourly basis, he explained.

**IN OTHER** action last night, the council:

• Authorized planning for the widening of Sepulveda between Cabrillo Street and Western Avenue. The project will provide a four-lane highway and upgrade crossing protection for a rail road crossing east of Cabrillo Streets.

• Voted to establish a no parking zone on the north side of Artesia Boulevard along a 580-foot section east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

• Adopted an emergency ordinance which prohibits the relocation of any building in the city for a period of 90 days. The ordinance extends a moratorium on the relocation of buildings which has been in existence for the past three months.

• Canceled next Tuesday's meeting. Next Tuesday is election day and councilmen are prohibited by law from meeting.

## Art Lecture Set

Dr. William M. Kramer, author, teacher, and minister, will discuss ancient art history at El Camino College next Tuesday. Dr. Kramer's lecture is scheduled from 8 to 9:20 a.m. in the art building.

## With Ballot Measure

# Isen Ouster Sought, Lyman Says

Charges that Mayor Albert Isen has brought "notoriety and bad publicity" to the city were leveled by Councilman David K. Lyman last night in an open letter urging voters to approve Charter Amendment Z on next Tuesday's ballot.

The letter, handed to newsmen and members of the city council, was issued to explain the reasons for placing Amendment Z on the ballot, Lyman said.

Amendment Z, if approved would eliminate the direct election of the city's mayor by the people and provide for a seven-man city council. Councilmen would then elect one of the members to serve as mayor to serve at the pleasure of the council.

The move, Lyman said, would make the mayor responsible to the city council "which in turn is responsible to the residents of Torrance."

Proponents of the measure denied that Isen's personal conduct as mayor was an issue in the campaign when

the amendment was first introduced.

Lyman said Isen's actions and "his rebellious attitude" have brought "untold embarrassment upon the city" and accused him of being "abrupt and rude" in council meetings.

"He permits his friends and proponents to speak out, but cuts off people who take opposing views," Lyman said. "He further has attempted to influence commissions and city departments toward his own purposes."

Isen immediately branded the charges false and accused Lyman of "giving the impression I'm running for office."

He said Lyman — author of the amendment — is trying to thwart the will of a majority of the city's voters by a subterfuge.

"I don't see how any lawyer can say Proposition Z can affect my elected term, which has 3½ years to go," Isen said. "I will serve out my term." Lyman later told the Press-

Herald Amendment Z, if approved by voters, would simply make Isen a member of the council. "He's not being removed from anything," Lyman said.

The amendment, he said, would become effective upon ratification by the State Legislature. At that time, Isen would become a councilman and would have a vote in selecting the mayor.

Isen, however, contends he was elected to a special office and cannot be removed by approval of Amendment Z.

Lyman told the Press-Herald the measure had been prepared by a "man with 10 years experience in municipal government" and reviewed by the legal firm of O'Melveny and Myers and by legal counsel for the County Registrar of Voters.

Opposition to the amendment is being spearheaded by the Torrance League of Women Voters, whose president, Mrs. William Radcliffe, said the measure "was conceived in haste, at the height

of personal differences within the city council."

The League of Women Voters has been joined by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in opposition to Amendment Z.

Mrs. Radcliffe said the League has opposed and will continue to oppose piecemeal revisions of the charter and has called instead for a thorough study of the city charter by a citizens committee.

Many of the city's leading industrialists, businessmen, and civic leaders have branded the measure a power play. The National Municipal League in 1964 amended its model city charter to provide for the direct election of the mayor in cities where the council-manager form of government is the rule.

More than half the cities in the nation with the council-manager plan now provide for direct election of the mayor, according to official (See MAYOR on A-3)